

**Who: Skilled Nursing Facilities**

**What:** Packaging samples for Gold Cross Courier pickup to deliver to Exact Sciences

**Why:** All Skilled Nursing Facilities should keep their coolers and cold packs in case they retest for Covid-19. This will reduce the amount of shipping materials that need to be sent back and forth via UPS, and help us reduce the amount of waste we're producing.

**What's changing:** Gold Cross Courier will provide coolers and cold packs to transport samples to Exact Sciences. When they arrive at your facility, Gold Cross will remove the samples from your container and place them in refrigerated Gold Cross Courier containers. They will transport the samples to the Exact Sciences lab, where the samples will be transferred to Exact Sciences containers for testing.

**What this means for you:** Previous instruction was to have your box/cooler sealed and labeled for delivery to Exact Sciences. Now, we ask that you place the sealed biohazard bags in a clear, gallon size resealable bag. Place your Transport Manifest in one of the clear resealable bags, if you have more than one. The outside of each clear resealable bag should be labeled:

- To: Exact Sciences
- From: <Your facility name>

The facility name listed on your bag should match the name listed on the TRFs. Consistency is important in order to ensure specimens are matched correctly. Keep your samples refrigerated until Gold Cross Courier arrives to pick them up- this can be done in the unsealed coolers or another method if you prefer it. The sample must be refrigerated at 2-8°C until the courier arrives.

